

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: 401 Coordinator
OR
centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 5 - Karen Holmes

Applicant's Agent: Self-Representing

Project Name: San Jose Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Receiving Water: San Jose Creek, (located in Big Basin Hydrologic Unit 315)

City/County: Goleta/ Santa Barbara

Public Notice: March 23, 2022 – April 13, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the existing San Jose Creek Bridges (#51-0163R and #51-0163L) along State Route 101 in the City of Goleta, Santa Barbara County at postmile 21.6 with one bridge across San Jose Creek at this location. This project was initiated after concrete core testing and an inspection of the structures by Caltrans Structure Maintenance and Investigations documented the presence of alkali-silica reactive aggregate in the concrete and recommended that both structures be replaced.

The proposed project activities associated with both San Jose Creek bridges along SR-101 include:

- In-water construction work including installation of debris catchment system and demolition of existing abutments;
- Temporary water diversion/dewatering system;
- Temporary relocation of utilities; and
- Replace current bridges with one larger single-span bridge for both northbound and southbound lanes by
 - Constructing abutments
 - Placing precast/prestressed box girder
 - Complete deck
 - Place and stripping rails
- Restoration of temporary impacted riparian habitat

Proposed Mitigation: Enhancement of 0.074 acres (85 linear feet) of Riparian habitat for 0.037 acres (56 linear feet) of permanent environmental impacts, which is outlined in the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (dated February 2022).

Caltrans District 5 filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on 9/23/2020.

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